

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The microscope focusing apparatus according to claim 7 17, further comprising a weight balance portion comprising a fixed portion, a vertically movable portion, and an elastic member which biases the vertically movable portion in an upward direction, said fixed portion being attachably/detachably fixed to said focusing main body,

wherein said first and second holders each further comprise an abutment portion which abuts on said vertically movable portion of said weight balance portion to receive an action of a bias force in said upward direction, and

the bias force of said elastic member can be selected in accordance with the type of said microscope.

9. (Withdrawn) The microscope focusing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said weight balance portion further comprises a stopper which defines a movement range of said vertically movable portion with respect to said fixed portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The microscope focusing apparatus according to claim ~~15~~ 17, wherein said focusing main body is

separated into a guide portion and a focusing handle main body,  
and said guide portion is selectively detachable from and  
5 attachable to said focusing handle main body.

11. (Previously Presented) The microscope focusing  
apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said guide portion  
comprises said focusing movable portion and a frame of said  
focusing movable portion, and wherein said focusing handle main  
5 body comprises a focusing handle and a frame of said focusing  
handle.

12. (Original) The microscope focusing apparatus according  
to claim 10, wherein a middle gear portion is attachably/  
detachably disposed between said guide portion and said focusing  
handle main body.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) A microscope comprising the  
microscope focusing apparatus according to claim ~~15~~ 21.

Claims 15 and 16 (Canceled).

17. (New) A microscope apparatus comprising:

a revolver that holds an objective lens;

a first holder including an attaching portion which allows the revolver to be attached to a lower surface thereof, and a first support that supports on an upper surface thereof a first light illuminator to which an observation tube is attachable, the attaching portion and the first support being disposed on a first observation optical axis passing through the objective lens held by the revolver to be attached to the attaching portion;

a second holder including a second support that supports a second light illuminator which allows the revolver to be attached thereto, the second support being disposed outside a second observation axis passing through the objective lens held by the revolver;

a focusing main body including a focusing movable portion that is linearly and vertically movable;

a plurality of holder positioning portions formed on respective attaching surfaces of the first holder and the second holder to assemble one of (i) the first holder and (ii) the second holder with the focusing main body; and

a focusing movable portion positioning portion formed on an attaching surface of the focusing movable portion to assemble the one of (i) the first holder and (ii) the second holder with the focusing main body;

25            wherein when the one the first holder and the second holder  
is assembled to the focusing main body, the one of the first  
holder and the second holder is positioned to the focusing main  
body by the focusing movable portion positioning portion of the  
focusing main body and the holder positioning portion of said one  
30 of the first holder and the second holder.

18. (New) The microscope focusing apparatus according to  
claim 17, wherein said first support of the first holder  
comprises a round dovetail, and supports said first light  
illuminator with the round dovetail.

19. (New) The microscope focusing apparatus according to  
claim 17, wherein said second support of the second holder  
comprises at least one bolt, and supports said second light  
illuminator with the at least one bolt.

20. (New) The microscope focusing apparatus according to  
claim 17, wherein the holder positioning portions comprise  
convexities having wall surfaces perpendicular to the attaching  
surfaces of the first and second holders, and the focusing  
5 movable portion positioning portion comprises a concavity having  
wall surfaces perpendicular to the attaching surface of the  
focusing movable portion.

21. (New) The microscope focusing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the holder positioning portions comprise concavities having wall surfaces perpendicular to the attaching surfaces of the first and second holders, and the focusing movable portion positioning portion comprises a convexity having wall surfaces perpendicular to the attaching surface of the focusing movable portion.

22. (New) The microscope focusing apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising an elastic member provided between the focusing main body and the one the first holder and the second holder assembled to the focusing main body, said elastic member being selectively adjustable in elastic force in accordance with a load applied to said one of the first holder and the second holder.

23. (New) The microscope focusing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the elastic member comprises a spring.